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SUBJECT: FRG COOPERATION IN NARCOTICS CONTROL

REFERENCES: A) KABUL 8748, B) KABUL 8563, C) STATE 293014,
D) ISLAMABAD 10791

1. ON DECEMBER 20, S/NM OFFICERS MET WITH FRG EMBASSY CON-
SELOR VON SCHMELING AND DISCUSSED POSSIBLE WAYS IN WHICH THE
FRG AND US COULD CONCERT MORE IN ADDRESSING PROBLEMS OF
INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL. IN PARTICULAR, WE WERE
SEEKING TO ELICIT FRG ACTION TO EXPRESS TO THE AFGHAN GOVERN-
MENT (GOA) CONCERN OVER OPIUM POPPY PRODUCTION. WE CITED
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OUR USE OF SIDE LETTERS TO ENSURE THAT OUR RURAL ASSISTANCE
PROGRAMS DO NOT ENHANCE POPPY PRODUCTION AND SUGGESTED THAT
THE FRG MIGHT EXPLORE SOME SUCH METHOD TO SAFEGUARD ITS OWN
AID PROGRAMS FROM POSSIBLE CRITICISM.

2. VON SCHMELING NOTED THE GROWING PROBLEMS OF DRUG
TRAFFICKING IN GERMANY AND THE POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP TO

TERRORIST NETWORKS AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT SMUGGLING RINGS.
HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT DRUG ABUSE WAS AN INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM
AND THAT OUR INTERESTS COINCIDED IN TRYING TO REDUCE THE
WORLD SUPPLY OF ILLICIT NARCOTICS.

3. AT HIS REQUEST, PAKISTAN, BURMA, THAILAND, COLOMBIA,
ECUADOR, PERU, BOLIVIA AND MEXICO WERE IDENTIFIED AS OTHER
CRITICAL COUNTRIES THAT WERE HAVING PROBLEMS COPING WITH
ILLICIT PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF NARCOTIC SUBSTANCES.
IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THERE MAY BE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE
FRG SIMILARLY TO EXPRESS TO SOME OF THESE OTHER GOVERNMENTS
ITS SYMPATHETIC CONCERN OVER THEIR PROBLEMS. FRG POLICE
TRAINING PROGRAMS IN AFGHANISTAN, FOR EXAMPLE, MIGHT IN-
CLUDE TECHNIQUES OF NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT; FRG TRAINING
MIGHT ALSO INCLUDE PAKISTAN; THE AID CONSORTIUM TO PAKISTAN
COULD CONSIDER A DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN THE NORTHWEST FRON-
TIER PROVINCE AIMED AT PROVIDING ALTERNATIVES TO POPPY
PRODUCTION. FRG ASSISTANCE SUCH AS THESE WOULD HELP BROADEN
THE EXTERNAL PRESSURES ON AFGHANISTAN, PAKISTAN, AND OTHER
COUNTRIES TO IMPROVE THEIR CONTROLS OVER ILLICIT NARCOTICS
PRODUCTION.

4. VON SCHMELING WAS TOLD THAT PARALLEL DISCUSSIONS HAD
TAKEN PLACE IN BONN AND KABUL (REFTELS A AND B) AND THAT WE
EXPECTED TO BE IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH FRG OFFICIALS
REGARDING OUR MUTUAL CONCERN OVER DRUG TRAFFICKING. WE
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WISHED TO CONTINUE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON WAYS TO REINFORCE
OUR RESPECTIVE DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES IN THIS FIELD. VON
SCHMELING, RECALLING THAT THE INTERNATIONAL DRUG PROBLEM
WAS ONE OF FOUR MAJOR ITEMS THAT MINISTER OF JUSTICE VOGEL
HAD ON HIS AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION DURING HIS VISIT TO
WASHINGTON, D.C. IN OCTOBER 1977, AGREED TO REPORT OUR
DEMARCHE TO BONN.

5. REQUEST REPORT OF EMBASSY DISCUSSIONS WITH FRG OFFI-
CIALS REFERRED TO IN REFTEL A. VANCE

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